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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR AMBASSADOR COOPER UPON
ARRIVAL AT SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT, DECEMBER 3

REF: STATE 262366

1. AMBASSADOR COOPER REVIEWED REFTEL, INCLUDING TEXTS
IN PARAS 2 AND 3, AND MADE SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS. FOL-
LOWING ARE TEXTS OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND CONTINGENCY
Q'S AND A'S APPROVED BY AMBASSADOR COOPER.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT: I WANT TO THANK
YOU FOR YOUR CORDIAL WELCOME TO THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC. MRS. COOPER AND I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD
TO THIS DAY AND ARE DELIGHTED TO BE HERE.

I CONSIDER MY APPOINTMENT TO YOUR COUNTRY AS A
CHALLENGING RESPONSIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY. I HOPE TO
KNOW THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, ITS LEADERS AND
ITS PEOPLE, WELL DURING THE COMING MONTHS. AS SECRETARY
KISSINGER SAID IN SEPTEMBER, AT THE TIME I TOOK MY OATH
OF OFFICE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS SYMBOLIC OF THE IMPROVEMENT
OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST DURING THE PAST
FEW YEARS, AND I HOPE VERY MUCH, AS I AM SURE YOU DO,
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THAT THIS WILL PROVE TRUE.

DURING OUR STAY HERE MY STAFF AND I LOOK FORWARD TO IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND TO MAKING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US A CONSTRUCTIVE ONE. FROM TIME TO TIME, AS IS NATURAL BETWEEN COUNTRIES, THERE WILL BE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US, BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT WITH GOOD WILL AND A RECIPROCAL ATTITUDE ON BOTH SIDES, WE CAN DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP WHICH WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT AND BENEFICIAL RESULTS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR KIND GREETING. END TEXT.

3. POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FROM PRESS AND SUGGESTED ANSWERS.
BEGIN TEXT:

Q. WHERE WILL YOU BE LIVING, MR. AMBASSADOR?

A. WE WILL BE AT A BERLIN HOTEL UNTIL OUR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IS READY FOR OCCUPANCY.

Q. WHY DID YOU DELAY YOUR ARRIVAL HERE?

A. THERE HAS BEEN NO DELAY. WE HAVE PLANNED FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS TO ARRIVE ON THIS DATE. IT USUALLY TAKES A FEW WEEKS AFTER AN AMBASSADOR IS CONFIRMED AND SWORN IN TO COMPLETE BRIEFINGS IN WASHINGTON AND TO TAKE CARE OF PERSONAL AFFAIRS.

Q. BUT DIDN'T YOU PUT OFF YOUR ARRIVAL IN THE HOPE THAT YOUR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE WOULD BE READY?

A. NO. AS I SAID, WE HAVE PLANNED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS TO ARRIVE ON THIS DATE. AFTER WE MADE OUR TRAVEL PLANS, WE LEARNED THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME DELAY IN COMPLETING THE RENOVATION OF OUR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE. BUT WE DID NOT LET THIS DETER US AND MAINTAINED OUR ORIGINAL TRAVEL SCHEDULE.

Q. WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO OPEN THE EMBASSY?

A. WE PLAN TO OPEN THE EMBASSY ON DECEMBER 9. THE GDR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WILL OPEN ON THE SAME DATE.

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Q. BUT HASN'T THERE BEEN SOME SLIPPAGE IN THE OPENING DATE? AT ONE POINT THERE WERE PRESS REPORTS OF A MID-NOVEMBER OPENING.

A. AS I HAVE SAID, THERE HAS BEEN NO MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES. THE DECEMBER 9 DATE ALLOWS A FEW DAYS FOR BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO BECOME ACQUAINTED BEFORE THE FORMAL OPENING OF THEIR EMBASSIES. I CONSIDER THAT

THE OPENING OF THE EMBASSIES IN REASONABLE PROXIMITY

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MANIFESTS RECIPROCAL GOOD WILL ON THE PART OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND I AM GLAD TO BE HERE.

Q. WAS THERE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DATE CHOSEN FOR THE OPENING OF THE EMBASSY AND THE DATES OF CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON?

A. NO. THE UNITED STATES ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH THE GDR ON SEPTEMBER 4 OF THIS YEAR, AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED AT THAT TIME SAID THAT THE TWO PARTIES HAD AGREED TO ESTABLISH EMBASSIES. THE FACT THAT THE OPENING OF THE EMBASSIES WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S VISIT IS COINCIDENTAL.

Q. DOES YOUR ARRIVAL AND THE OPENING OF THE EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN CHANGE IN ANY WAY THE STATUS OF BERLIN?

A. ON SEPTEMBER 4, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN NO WAY CHANGES THE SPECIAL STATUS OF BERLIN. SIMILARLY, MY ARRIVAL HERE AND THE OPENING OF THE US EMBASSY IN NO WAY AFFECTS THE STATUS OF BERLIN. END TEXT.

4. PER PARA 6 REFTTEL, WE HAVE PROVIDED AMBASSADOR
COOPER WITH CLEAN COPY OF TEXTS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE.

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